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1. IN HUNGARY FOREIGN TRADE IS STATE MONOPOLY READILY CONTROLLABLE BY GOVERNMENT FIAT. THEREFORE, FEW EXPORT RESTRICTIONS NEED

GOVERNMENT FIAT. THEREFORE, FEW EXPORT RESTRICTIONS NEEL EXIST.

2. TO BEST OF EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, HUNGARIAN REGULATIONS INDICATE ONLY ONE RESTRICTION IN 1971-75 PERIOD (ORDER #10/1974 PUBLISHED DECEMBER 7, 1974). THIS EDICT AIMED PRIMARILY AT PRODUCTS WITH HIGH METAL CONTENT, INCLUDING "INDUSTRIAL METAL STRUCTURES," SCREWS, NAILS

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METAL CANS, WIRE MESH, AND POULTRY INCUBATORS.

- 3. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RESTRICTION ARE POSSIBLE IF SALE CAN BE JUSTIFIED BY THE PROFITABILITY OF EXPORT, OR THE PRODUCT IS PART OF A COMPLETE PLANT BEING EXPORTED. FURTHERMORE, THESE RESTRICTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO ANY EXPORT WHICH IS PART OF A BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT CONTAINING OBLIGATORY QUOTAS OR ANY OTHER CONTRACT MADE PRIOJRTO NOVEMBER 21,1974.
- 4. RESOURCE-POOR HUNGARY HAS FEW, IF ANY, PRODUCTS OF PARAMOUNT INTEREST TO U.S., THOUGH UNTAPPED AMERICAN MARKET HOLDS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR FORWARD-THINKING MAGYAR TRADERS. AT PRESENT, DUE TO CREDIT SQUEEZE, DETERIORATING TRADE SITUATION, AND HUNGARIAN HANGUPS OVER U.S. TRADE ACT, GOH MUST INCREASINGLY RELY ON ITS CEMA PARTNERS. ONCE MFN HURDLE OVERCOME EMBASSY CONFIDENT THAT HUNGARIANS WILL IMPOSE FEW RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS TO LUCRATIVE U.S. MARKET.

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